Power graphs, landmarks and asymptotes

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Learning target: Recognise the graph features of polynomial and power functions, including horizontal and vertical asymptotes where relevant.

A sketch should show behaviour, not just a list of features. Start with a parent power graph, then move its important points and asymptotes. An asymptote describes limiting behaviour and is drawn separately from the curve. Check the domain before applying a square root or a negative power.

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Task 1. Sketch $y=1/(x-2)^2-1$. Mark both intercepts, both asymptotes and the range. Explain the symmetry and the behaviour on each side of $x=2$.

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Study-design reference

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